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Halt a Million Mourners Pass Bier of the Pope

WHY WILL HAYS WAS MADE HEAD OF MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY OF THE COUNTRY

First Purpose Is to Save Wall
Street's Investments by
Ending Disputes.

TO FIGHT CENSORSHIP.

Political Organizer Also Is to
Use Movies in Fall for
G. O. P. Campaign.

By Martin Green

There are four principal reasons why Will H. Hays, former Chairman of the National Republican Committee, resigned from the office of Postmaster General to accept, at a salary of \$100,000 a year, the position of executive head of "a national association of motion picture producers and exhibitors which will be formed," to use Mr. Hays's language in his published announcement of his plans. Here are the reasons:

First—To save the investment of millions of dollars which Wall Street financial interests have made in the most important producing concerns in the combination.

Second—To pull the motion picture industry out of a hole into which it has been plunged by mismanagement, jealousy, cut-throat trade methods, recklessness in expenditure, star exploitation and disregard of business methods.

Third—To prevent the establishment by Congress of a Federal motion picture censorship.

Fourth—To use the motion picture industry in propaganda to further the election of a Republican Congress next November, when the entire membership of the House of Representatives and one-third of the membership of the Senate will be chosen by the voters.

INQUIRY BY FEDERAL TRADE BOARD FORESEEN.

Minor considerations enter into the staffing of Mr. Hays, such as the exertion of pressure on the Congress to pass a tariff bill which will have the effect of prohibiting the importation of films of foreign manufacture, patching up of a bitter warfare which has alienated the exhibitors, who own and control the theatres, against the distributors or exhibitors of the pictures, and the producers, reduction of salaries of important actors and actresses, the absorption by the "association which will be formed" of independent producers and heading off, if possible, a threatened investigation of the motion picture industry by the Federal Trade Board.

It will be seen from this that Mr. Hays has tackled a whale of a job. It is the impression in the motion picture world that he was selected primarily because of his political prominence—although his ability as

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TALESMAN DIES
SUDDENLY IN COURT

Drops Dead as He Is About to
Leave Room.

Edward W. Jackson, fifty-four years old, a salesman in the City Court, dropped dead in Justice Gleeson's part of the Supreme Court to-day. He was manager of the Sterns & Foster Mattress Mfg. Co., 14th Street at No. 349 West 40th Street.

Mr. Jackson was taken ill in City Hall Park while on route to City Court. He was assisted into the Supreme Court building and revived. Mr. Jackson was preparing to leave when he suddenly dropped over dead. Mr. Jackson lived at No. 705 West 17th Street with his wife. He had no children. It was said at his place of business, where he had been for 25 years.

GARLAND ARRIVES IN BOSTON SEEKING MISSING SOULMATE

Heir Also Solicits Advice of
"Christianists" on Love
Nest Plans.

IN PICTURESQUE GARB.
Wife Quoted as Saying She
Doesn't Consider Her Life
With Garland Closed.

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—Charles Garland, heir to millions he does not want and husband of a wife he refuses to be "tied to," is in Boston seeking advice from Christianists who formed themselves into a cult about him when he was a student at Harvard. He is also believed to be seeking Lillian Garland, formerly his mother's social secretary, who, as he frankly admits, at present dominates what he calls his emotions beyond the control of his intellect. He arrived in Boston arrayed in his picturesque costume, a combination of tobaganning togs and army uniform.

Miss Conrad was at April Fools' down Cape Cod way, with Garland until last Sunday. She left when she learned that it was to become public knowledge that Mrs. Mary Wrenn Garland had separated from Garland after rejecting a proposal by him that they maintain a triangular household like that with which young Mr. Andrews, the Wall Street broker, scandalized his Jersey City neighbors a year or so ago. Miss Conrad came to Boston declaring that she meant to earn her own living and live by herself hereafter.

Miss Conrad apparently lacks the moral (in a way of speaking) confidence which supports young Garland in the belief that nothing is wrong so long as he persuades himself he wants it enough to make it right.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Garland is at the home of her parents in Dedham awaiting the coming of their second child. She is quoted as saying that she is not yet convinced that her life with Garland is a closed chapter. She lives with him and among his Christianist friends long enough to know that the soul impulses of a little group of serious thinkers shift like summer breezes over a mill pond.

She has deep in her heart, her friends say, the earnest hope that some day New England common sense will yet assert itself to Charles Garland and he will come home to her to give her his word as a well bred New England gentleman that he is through chasing emotional butterflies—or, as the late William S. Devereux of New York put it in chiding a youthful policeman whose Garland-like views got him into trouble—"flying a kite."

According to Mrs. Garland's friends she keeps a room in her home waiting for Garland with his favorite books on the shelves, a big sleepy-bow chair of his favorite pattern-bow chair of his favorite pictures—reproductions of detail bits of De Vinci's "Last Supper"—on the walls. She will not allow any member of her family to discuss for the present her preparations for a divorce action. Young Garland is not to be turned loose from his marital responsibilities as written in the State law until he

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LEACH DECLARED
NOT IN CONTEMPT.

Meyer Committee's Ruling on
Deputy Police Commissioner
Is Overturned.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—The Court of Appeals to-day handed down a decision in the case of First Deputy Police Commissioner Leach of New York City, confirming the decisions of the lower courts, freeing him of contempt in refusing to appear before a sub-committee of the Meyer Committee.

Mr. Leach told the Meyer Committee that he would appear at any time before the full committee, and was adjudged in contempt by the committee. The Supreme Court and the Appellate Division both refused to sustain the committee.

ASSUMES BLAME FOR THEFT OF EMPLOYER'S \$280,000 RELATIVE LOST IN STOCKS

Former Boss Presses Charge
as Example, but Is Willing
to Take Him Back.

MANY PLEAS FOR HIM.

Indictment Kept Secret as
Ex-Secretary Starts to
Pay All Back.

News of one of the biggest defalcations in the history of the financial district came to light in the Court of General Sessions to-day when Harry P. Gibney, thirty-four, assistant to the president of United Barber Shops, Inc., No. 241 Fifth Avenue, with an income of \$50,000 a year and steadily increasing, pleaded guilty before Judge Crain to stealing \$280,000 from Sidney Z. Mitchell, President of the Electric Bond & Share Co., No. 71 Broadway.

Mr. Mitchell, while expressing the highest regard for Gibney and offering to employ him again when he has completed a prison term, and admitting that Gibney has paid back \$21,000, asked that a sentence be imposed as an example to secretaries and confidential clerks in Wall Street who handle millions of their employer's funds in confidential capacities.

Gibney, while admitting responsibility for the loss of the money, sets out in a confession which was presented to the court that he did not profit a penny. He blames a relative who, he says, speculated in the stock market without his knowledge with Mr. Mitchell's securities. Through his counsel, Samuel Furstenberg, Gibney presented to the court a number of letters from business and professional men asking that he be kept from prison that given a chance to make full restitution.

The gist of Gibney's confession is that he was employed by Mr. Mitchell as confidential secretary at \$3,500 a year. He had power of attorney to buy and sell securities in his own transactions to his brother-in-law, Wesley P. Dufeldacker, who was connected with a brokerage house.

Dufeldacker, Gibney charges, sank \$280,000 in the stock market. This was in 1920. When the shortage was discovered, Gibney says, he assumed responsibility. He was arrested and the Grand Jury found an indictment against him on Feb. 11, 1921. The matter was kept secret by the District Attorney.

"I have offered to prosecute my brother-in-law," says Gibney in his confession, "but Mr. Mitchell has refused to consent to that course of action. I intend to repay every cent of the shortage and have already returned \$20,000. I expect to be able to repay \$100,000 within two years. If I am allowed to continue my present activities."

"It appears that after his indictment Gibney obtained employment with Salvatore J. Florentine of No. 160 Pearl Street, an investment broker who was about to launch a project to establish a chain of barber shops. Mr. Florentine knew Gibney was under indictment and why the indictment was returned.

Gibney hustled for the barber shop chain and the indictment dragged along in the courts until to-day, when he was called for trial. He pleaded guilty to two specific thefts on which the indictment was based.

Mr. Florentine wrote a letter to the court in which he stated that Gibney is a remarkable organizer and executive. United Barber Shops had one shop when Gibney took up the work of organization. Now the company has a chain of shops and is rapidly growing. Under Gibney's direction, according to Mr. Florentine, the scheme will yield large returns.

Gibney appears to have legions of friends. His personality is engaging. He is married and lives at the Hotel Touraine in Brooklyn. His parents are at No. 2604 Bedford Avenue.

SENATOR WALKER RAPS GOV. MILLER

Calls Him "The P. T. Barnum of
State Finance" in Talk in the
Senate To-Day.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—Gov. Miller was characterized as "The P. T. Barnum of State finance" on the floor of the Senate to-day by Minority Leader James J. Walker, in the course of an attack by the Democratic leader on the Governor's economy programme. Mr. Walker asserted that while Gov. Miller claimed to have cut the appropriations for State government to \$155,000,000, the State finances had been dipped into for at least \$5,000,000 more than that for funds which really were appropriations, so that the real total was \$140,000,000 or more.

NO BIG REDUCTION IN THE U. S. ARMY

President Believed Not Ready to
Recommend Any Radical Cut-
ting in Land Forces.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(Associated Press.)—Although President Harding believes that the work of the Washington Conference eventually will lead to reduction of both naval and land armaments, he is not prepared now to recommend radical reduction in the land forces of the United States.

CHILD IN EACH ARM, MOTHER FLEES FIRE

Girl of Three Dies in Hospital
Later.

Mrs. Elizabeth Platten left her home on the second floor of No. 344 West 17th Street, to go to a grocery about 10 o'clock to-day. She returned in minutes to find the bed room in flames. Her daughter Theresa, three years old, had been badly burned. Grabbing up her baby who was in imminent danger in one arm and the little girl in the other she quickly pushed her into the hall and fled. She was seen fleeing from the room and shouting fire.

In a minute the tenement was alive with persons scrambling into safety from the smoke that filled the hall. When the firemen arrived they threw a burning mattress from the window and the flame to the rest of the room was slung.

The little girl died on arriving at Bellevue Hospital. Mrs. Platten has no idea how the fire originated unless the children were playing with matches.

IF YOU HAVE A COLD, DON'T TAKE CHANCES

Stay at Home Until Cured, Warns
Health Commissioner.

Health Commissioner Copeland issued a warning to-day about the danger of neglecting colds. They have been a slight increase in mortality, he said, from respiratory diseases, including influenza. He has asked for a stricter watch for such cases on arriving ships. He advises all persons suffering from colds to stay at home until cured.

HOLD-UP MEN ESCAPE WITH \$8,058 PAYROLL

Rob Tailoring Company in Its Cin-
cinnati Office.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 24.—Two bandits to-day held up office attaches of the Nash Tailoring Co. at the point of revolvers, robbed them of the company payroll, amounting to \$8,058, and escaped.

10 CHILDREN HURT WHEN SCHOOL BUS IS HIT BY TROLLEY

Lives of Brooklyn Youngsters
Endangered When Car
Strikes Machine.

SOME BADLY SHAKEN.

Exclusive Adelphi Academy
Students Treated and Con-
tinue to School.

Eighteen boys and girls, pupils of the exclusive Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, were trapped in an overturned bus on their way to school this morning and were rescued by smashing the rear door, through which they were lifted out, none of them seriously hurt.

At the school the children were examined by Dr. Henry Pettit, who dressed minor cuts and bruises for four of them. Six others were bruised so slightly that they needed no treatment. The four who were treated were William Benson, No. 185 Crown Street; Marjorie Moore, No. 1006 Union Street; Ellen Green, No. 241 New York Avenue, and Lionel Weinberg, No. 1523 President Street.

The three first named were taken to their homes by the Principal, Eugene C. Adler. Mrs. Jennings, the chaperone, also went home. She was suffering slightly from shock. The bus, in charge of David Lynott, No. 1311 Kings Highway, had made the rounds of the home of the children, who range in age from eight to eleven years, and was going rapidly toward the school, 81 James Place and Lafayette Avenue, when the accident occurred at Fulton Street and St. James Place.

It was only a few minutes before 9 o'clock. Two Fulton Street trolley cars, one east and one west bound, were approaching the corner. The motorman of the car nearest the corner, Peter Leanne, signalled the bus to go ahead. Lynott crossed the first track safely, but the other trolley car, in charge of Joseph Rivers, No. 732 Knickerbocker Avenue, struck the rear of the bus, which rolled along on two wheels for a few feet, then fell on its left side.

Lynott climbed out and rushed to the rear door to help the screaming children. Their chaperone, Mrs. Jennings, was helping them to get disengaged. Lynott found the door jammed so he could not open it. He broke the glass carefully, so the fragments would not fly inward, and began taking out the children.

Patrolmen Benjamin Becking of the Classon Avenue Station and Daniel Leary of the Grand Avenue Station both sent in ambulance calls, and surgeons came from the Jewish and Swedish Hospitals.

Meanwhile, policemen helped Lynott get the children out and they had all been liberated by the time the ambulances arrived.

BONIN AND SIBERIA QUESTIONS SETTLED

Japan's Favorable Action on Both
Points Reported at Arms
Parley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(Associated Press.)—Virtual settlement of the Siberian question, so far as the Washington Arms Conference is concerned, was understood to have been reached to-day at the meeting of the Far Eastern Committee with the acceptance of the Japanese statement promising complete withdrawal from Russian territory upon establishment of a stable Government.

Secretary Hughes made a statement of the position of the United States in the course of which he was understood to have reaffirmed the policy of the American Government as against territorial aggression.

Japanese delegates, it was said, agreed to final drafting of the naval treaty to include a clause prohibiting fortifications on the Bonin Islands. The treaty clause containing a description of the Pacific Islands which should not be fortified was said to have reached the point of final drafting.

FIRST OF NINE HIGH MASSES FOR BENEDICT XV. IS SUNG IN BASILICA OF ST. PETER'S

Time of Burial Tentatively Fixed for
To-Morrow Afternoon—Work of
Walling In for Conclave Is Begun
and Cardinals Hurry to Vatican.

ROME, Jan. 24.—(Associated Press.)—The first of the nine pontifical high masses for the late Pope Benedict XV. was sung this morning with grand solemnity in the Basilica of St. Peter's. Simultaneously, there were solemn ceremonies in all the great Basilicas, including the Lateran and Santa Maria Maggiore.

The time of the burial had not yet been definitely decided upon to-day, but it remains tentatively fixed for Wednesday afternoon.

Estimates of the number of persons who filed past the bier of the Pope yesterday ranged between 200,000 and 300,000, and it was expected these figures would be largely exceeded to-day. (Other despatches from Rome indicate that the total for two days will exceed 500,000.)

FOR NATION-WIDE MARKETING SYSTEM

Senator McCumber's Bill Would
Organize Plan Under Govern-
ment Supervision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—A nation-wide farm marketing system would be organized under Government supervision by a bill introduced in the Senate to-day. Senator McCumber, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who proposed the measure, declared it would solve the acute situation farmers of the Nation now are facing. President Harding, strongly endorsed co-operative marketing in his speech to the National Agricultural Conference.

NEAR PANIC IN CROWD PUSHING INTO SHUTTLE

Woman's Foot Slips Between Plat-
form and Car and Excitement
Results.

The bustling crowd showing its way into a subway shuttle train at Times Square during the rush hour this morning, crushed Mrs. Mary A. Wood, seventy-year old woman, a car and her right leg slipped down between the car and the platform. Before the train could be started some of the on-lookers helped her to her feet, but not until there was almost a panic among the other women on the platform, several of whom screamed and made the crowd waver.

Mrs. Wood, who lives at the Hotel Monticello, boarded the train but at the Grand Central Terminal was suffering from a severe cold. It was necessary to call an ambulance from Flower Hospital to dress the lacerations of her leg.

THEIR JOB TO PICK 'EM FROM OPERA TO JAZZ

Steamship Men Select Records in
All Languages for Storage Use.

Thomas Hardy, Commodity Superintendent, and W. T. Robertson, shore Steward of the United States Lines, are the world's first steamship phonographic music critics.

The United States Lines, after providing cabins for its steerage passengers, decided to furnish music. Phonographs were placed in the third class quarters of each of the company's steamships. Hardy and Robertson, delegated to select records in every language, have listened to hundreds of records and have been listening to the repertoire of the world's best operas, waltzes and jazzes.

HOPE FOR MR. HEPBURN.

There is absolutely no hope for the recovery of Mr. Hepburn. The statement made to-day by Dr. Alexander Lambert in reference to the condition of A. Barton Hepburn of No. 620 Park Avenue, banker, who was run down by a Fifth Avenue bus at 23d Street last Friday, Dr. Lambert added that the shock was too much for Mr. Hepburn, who suffered a double fracture of one of his legs, in addition to the shock to his nervous system.